

Las Vegas Gazette.

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The Railroad Consolidation.

On Friday night, at twelve o'clock the Denver and Rio Grande railroad passed under the control of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe company under the lease recently executed. The following orders in reference to the transfer have been promulgated:

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., December 13, 1878.

ALL AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES: By virtue of a lease executed between the Denver and Rio Grande R. R. Co. and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. Co., possession of the former road will be taken by the latter company at twelve o'clock to-night. All employees in operating time will be considered as employees of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. Co., from that hour until further notice.

D. C. Dodge will continue as general superintendent, and W. W. Berst as superintendent until otherwise ordered, and all employees will report to them as heretofore. Mr. George Hackney, superintendent of locomotives and cars department of the A. T. & S. F. R. R., will extend his jurisdiction over the D. C. & R. G. R. and Mr. N. W. Sample with regard to division matters unchanged and report to Mr. Hackney. Mr. John P. Whitchurch, auditor of the A. T. & S. F. R. R., will vindicate his jurisdiction over the D. C. & R. G. railroads, and his directions as to all reports and accounts will be respected. In addition to his duties as superintendent of the W. W. Berst will act as purchasing agent until otherwise directed. He will take charge of all supplies on hand. Mr. Stephen O. Snyder will act as stockkeeper, and I report to Mr. Berst. All requisitions for supplies will be made upon Mr. Berst and he will when properly approved.

Wm. B. STRONG,
Vice Pres't A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co.

**OFFICE OF THE D. C. & R. G. CO.,
Colorado Springs, Dec. 13, 1878.**

NOTICE.— All collections made by collectors and all tickets and freight bills held by agents on this road, and all business relating to the operation of the road, except that in the office at Colorado Springs, until midnight of this, the 13th Inst., by accountants for either, treasurer D. C. & R. G. Co. Company at Colorado Springs, or that date to E. Miller, treasurer of the A. T. & S. F. railroad, all losses at Topeka, Kansas, agents and employes are directed to make up reports for the thirteen days of December to the scene management, and the same to the fuses.

W. M. J. PALMER,
Pres't D. C. & R. G. R. Co.
W. M. B. STRONG,
Pres't Gen. Man. A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co.

GORDON AT SHARPSBURG.
Wounded Five Times in One Battle—A Man Not to Be Lethal by Bullets.

At Sharpsburg General (now Senator) Gordon (then a colonel) furnished the subtilitatem of endurance and courage that I think is furnished by the animals. Before the battle Lee rode down the lines and expressed doubt as to Gordon's being able to hold his position, and conveyed to him an idea of the importance of holding so. Gordon, turning so that his men could hear him, said: "General Lee, my men are determined that they will stay here!"

Then the battle opened. Line after line was thrown upon Gordon's front. But from that dauntless front they were thrown back as often as they marched against it. The slaughter was terrible. The ground was literally blue with the corpses of the enemy, while only six men of the right wing of the regiment were left. But the line never wavered. The men had come to stay "and, dead or alive, they were determined to stay."

Gordon was wounded early in the fight. A Minie ball passed through the calf of his leg, tearing the flesh in a most fearful manner. The flow of blood was incessant, but he had no time to staunch the wound. In about a half hour another ball plunged through the same leg, about a foot above where the other had gone. The loss of blood from these two wounds weakened him, but he still kept his feet and gave his orders calm and clear to his men, who were lying on their faces. An hour later he was shot again, the ball tearing through his left arm, making a hideous wound and cutting a small artery. This disabled his arm and helped drain his weakened system, but still, haggard and bloody, he staggered up and down the line, encouraging his men. A fourth ball then entered his shoulder, knocking him from his feet. His men who saw the crimsoned uniform and pale face go down thought their heroic leader was killed. With sublime courage however, he struggled to his feet and though he had hardly strength to stand waved his sword above his head and called to his men to remain firm. Some one ran to him hastily and said it was rumored up the line that he was dangerously wounded and that the men were wavering. "Tell them I am not hurt," he said. And so through those dreadful hours of slaughter, with four unstrung wounds drawing blood from his body, he stood, determined to die with his men and in defense of what Lee had confided to his.

At length a fifth ball struck him full in the face, and cutting him in two, knocked him senseless. He was some time unconscious, but soon recovered in the smoke of war from General Gordon's story that in a moment it is exceedingly intense that when he fell it is impossible of moving. He failed to think of his condition the half dream and

half soliloquy that he carried on: "I have been struck in the head with a six-pound solid shot. It has entered away in my head. On the left side there is a little piece of skull left. But the brain is gone entirely. Therefore, I am dead." And yet I am thinking. How can a man think with his head shot off! And if I am thinking, I cannot be dead. And yet no man can live after his head is shot off. I may have consciousness while dead, but not motion. If I can lift my leg, then I am alive. I will try that. Can I? Yes, there it is lifted up! I'm all right!" The General says that every stage of this soliloquy is indelibly stamped on his mind, and that in his exhausted state the reasoning was carried on as logically as ever man reasoned at his desk. Doubt succeeded argument and argument displaced doubt just as logically as could be. He says he will never forget with what anxiety he made the test of lifting his leg—with what agony he waited to see whether or not it would move in response to his effort and how he hesitated before trying it for fear that it might fail and his death be thereby demonstrated.

Remarks of Uncle Jason.

AT A SPIRITUAL SEANCE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Come back yere, Massa Grant,
Kase they want you berry soon,
Faw de cloud am de sky
An' de blood am on de moon.
Dey knows you in de ole hut,
Dat's stamin' on de shoo'
Obeye little ribber, an'
Dey wants you back some mod'
Wat doin' wid a crown, dar,
When dey is watchin' here
Pau to chink de travel circlet
Above yo' shinin' ear
Did Moses it de ole time
Fawg hit who hit him so
An' try to snatch a bulgy crown
An' let his people go?
Come back yere, Uncle Jason,
Dey wants you berry soon!
De cloud am de sky
An' de blood am on de moon!
Dey knows you in de ole hut,
An' dey denier unsa,
Dey dreams about de ole time
An' wants you back some mo'

The sage barrens of Nevada are found to be excellent for the raising of Cashmere goats. A single herder near Carson has a flock of over 3,000, and is making money from them. In the summer there is plenty of grass, among the bitter sage brush to feed unlimited numbers of these animals, and when the winter comes, the frost, at one sweetens the bitterness of the sage and turns it into pasture quite as nourishing and pleasant to a goat's palate as the food he finds in the summer. By this provision of nature these animals are kept at little or no expense. Their fleeces are said to exceed in fineness and softness of texture that produced in their native country. Therefore the barrens have been regarded as almost worthless.

Mayer Larance, of Baltimore, has just bought a colt. And this is why he did it: A day or two ago he received a letter written in enigma and shockingly misspelled, but evidently sincere: "I am little hellion," it said, "and I want a little dally for Christmas and I am not going to buy me any and imminent got no money to buy it either so I will not have no fun at Christmas so I think you have got lots of money so you will please buy me a little dally for Christmas you can get a pretty one for ten cents."

The bohemian Fourier finds in Mexico 635 varieties of grasses, of which 376 occur in no other country. Of the remainder, 82 are common to the United States, 30 to Europe and the rest to the West Indies, South and Central America.

Talleyrand remarked one evening at a Holland house, that Cardinal Mazarin "deceived, but did not lie, whereas M. de Mazarin," he added, "always lied, but never deceived."

Among the gifts of a bride was a following:

"This trifling gift accept of me;

"It is well I would command;

"In sunshine use the bushy part,

"In storms the other end."

Ex-Confederate Gen. Hood, who is minus one leg, has just returned from Texas with his children, three pairs of twins, to New Orleans, where he proposes to settle permanently.

Thirty-two degrees below zero is the way they have weather at Leadville.

Why is that usually stalwart champion of our territory, the Las Vegas GAZETTE, so silent on the slanders of Axtell? Is it under such enduring obligations to the Bishop Governor, that it must remain silent, though far and wide he brands New Mexico as a desert and her people as intellectually inferior to Indians, and the offspring of "Spanish soldiers and the outcast Indian women?"

It showed a different front in regard to the remarks of Rev. Sheldon Jackson.—*Newspaper.*

The GAZETTE is under obligations to no man. It had no other evidence that Axtell made the allegations than the *Newspaper*. It is not reliable information by any means. Half what it says can not be believed, and it is difficult to tell which half. Had there been any creditable authority for the statement, we might have given it some attention.

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